Yael Aronoff published an article entitled “From Hawks to Peacemakers: A Comparison of Two Israeli Prime Ministers,” forthcoming in *Israel Studies Forum* 24:1, summer 2009. Aronoff also reviewed the book *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges, forthcoming in *Peace and Change*. In March, she presented a paper entitled “Predicting Peace: The Domestic Contingencies for Reaching an Israeli-Palestinian Agreement,” by invitation to the Democracy, Religion, and Conflict: the Dilemmas of Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking Conference. She also participated on several panels and in workshops to prepare papers for an edited book sponsored by the Project on Democracy in the Middle East.

JMC partners with MSU Grad School to teach teaching

The Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program (IIT) is a partnership between the Michigan State University Graduate School and James Madison College. The IIT program is directed by Colleen Tremonte, with other core Madison faculty being Constance Hunt and Linda Racioppi.

The goal of the IIT Fellowship Program is to broaden and enrich the professional development experience of a diverse group of graduate students by placing them within an environment, James Madison College, with an established tradition in excellence in undergraduate teaching. Selected fellows work closely with a core group of Madison faculty to engage in structured discussions on pedagogy and practice, on interdisciplinary course design and curriculum development, and on general interaction with undergraduates. They also work with core faculty to investigate theoretical and practical applications of interdisciplinary inquiry and research.

The new fellows for 2009-2010 are Robin Blom, journalism/College of Comm. Arts, Cristian Donareveco, history and sociology/College of Social Sciences, Sara Hillman, second language studies/College of Arts and Letters, Lindsay Neuberger, communications/College of Comm Arts, Sarah Reed, psychology/College of Social Sciences. Returning is Stefanie Kendall, teacher education/College of Education.

During the 2008-09 academic year, two fellows, Fredy Rodriguez-Mejia (anthropology) and Jose Gomez Moreno (Chicano & Latino studies and American studies) worked with three JMC students throughout the spring semester on preparing papers and presentations given at the MSU Latin American Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Research Conference in April.
Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

**Mark Axelrod** spoke in March as part of the World Affairs Council of West Michigan’s Great Discussions Lecture Series. Aquinas College hosted the lecture series talks where participants discussed issues ranging from climate change opening up Canada’s Northwest Passage to the new green economy in Michigan. As one of eight experts hosted by the lecture series, Axelrod presented “Rising Powers: India, China and Africa,” detailing the rise of Brazil, Russia, India, and China on the world stage.

**Ilana Blumberg** gave a paper "Sacrifice and Suicide in A Tale of Two Cities." in June at the Dickens International Conference at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She has an article coming out in *Victorian Literature and Culture* called "'Love Yourself as Your Neighbor': The Limits of Altruism and the Ethics of Personal Benefit in *Adam Bede.*"

**Andaluna Borcila** published "Accessing the Trauma of Communism: Romanian Women on U.S. Television News?" in a special issue of the *European Journal of Cultural Studies* focused on Media, Globalization and Post-Socialist Identities. She was also an invited contributor to *Revolutia Romana Televizata: Contributii La Istoria Culturala a Mediilor* (The Televised Romanian Revolution: Contributions to the Cultural History of Media). The Romanian version of the book, which includes Borcila's piece, "Debutul Televizual al Postcomunismului" (The Televizual Debut of Postcommunism) was published in May. The English version of the book is forthcoming.

**Siddharth Chandra** has been appointed as a professor in James Madison College and as the new director for Asian studies in the International Studies and Programs department.

**Lisa Cook**’s article “Metals or Management? Explaining Africa’s Recent Growth Performance” was published in the May 2009 issue of *The American Economic Review.* The paper attempts to identify the relative contribution of luck, natural resources, and better economic management to the rise in output per capita since the late 1990s. Cook also presented the paper at the American Economic Association meetings in late summer 2009. She chaired and participated in the panel, "Global Economic Crisis and Recovery: Michigan in the Eye of the Storm," a Madison and College of Social Science-sponsored alumni and friends event, held in Washington DC in the spring of 2009. Cook participated in another panel on the economic and financial crisis at the Eli Broad School of Management at MSU in April. She was selected by the Obama administration to serve on the Presidential Transition Team from November 2008 to January 2009 as a member of the Economy and International Trade team. In her role with the administration, Cook headed the review of the World Bank and the Office of International Affairs at the Treasury Department. Cook also attended the Inauguration. Additionally, in a national competition, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) selected Cook as an Innovation Policy and the Economy fellow. The year-long fellowship came to a close in the spring of 2009. The NBER also selected Cook to receive a $100,000 grant sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Cook will use the grant to support research on the Nigerian economy through 2011. She also testified as an expert on development economics based on her research published on recent trends in African economic growth, focusing on U.S. and Africa trade relations and economic recovery in the U.S. and Africa.
Early in 2009, Ron Dorr marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln by writing two brief essays and teaching three classes on Lincoln, his life, and images of Lincoln in his time, in historians’ views, and in our time. Dorr was also busy writing reviews of literary and historical works as well as books on religion. The reviewed titles include: *Hamlet, The Glass Menagerie*, Todd Davis’ book of poems, *Some Heaven*; Eudora Welty’s memoir, *One Writer’s Beginnings; They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky, Little Heathens, Gospel of Mark*, and *Acts of Faith*.

In March, Dorr published an essay and gave a talk on his recent journey to Israel, focusing on Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem, Masada, and the Dead Sea (see photos). Dorr was active in the Madison community as well. He joined several Madison students and faculty in the 20-hour marathon public reading of *Crime and Punishment* in February. The event commemorated Dorr’s first reading of the book as a junior at Grinnell College in 1960.

Rita Kiki Edozie with Desmond Tutu

Rita Kiki Edozie with Desmond Tutu at a reception May 2009. Tutu was MSU’s commencement speaker and also met with a group of Madison students and faculty.

Ross Emmett published *Frank Knight & the Chicago School in American Economics* in January 2009. Emmett has been busy with conference paper presentations as well. In June, Emmett presented “History of Economics and History of Science: A Comparative Look at Recent Work in Both Fields” at two events: the History of Economics as History of Social Science workshop, “The Chicago Workshop Model: Normalizing or Fragmenting Scientific Collaboration?”; and at the History of Recent Economics conference at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. He also presented “Specializing in Interdisciplinarity: The Committee on Social Thought as Chicago’s Antidote to Specialization in the Social Sciences” at the History of Economics Society meeting.

Emmett also presented the work at the History of Political Economy conference at Duke University in May. In January, he presented, along with PTCD senior Laura Kovacek, “Man and Society in Adam Smith’s Natural Morality: The Impartial Spectator, the Man of System, and the Invisible Hand” at the “Adam Smith as Theologian” conference in Edinburgh, sponsored by the Templeton Foundation. Emmett also presented “Is the Chicago School a Creative Community?” at the “Creative Communities: Bloomsbury and Others” conference at Duke University in October 2008.

Connie Hunt published “The Persistence of Theocracy: Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter*”
in “Perspectives on Political Science”, winter 2009. She also delivered a paper, “Eros and Techne in Ishiguro’s Never Let me Go,” at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association convention in April 2009.

**Louis Hunt** was a visiting scholar in October 2008 at the Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies in Sarnath, India. The Indian Government and the Tibetan Government in Exile established the Institute in 1967 to preserve Tibetan culture, and research Indian literature and scientific works which have only been preserved in Tibetan translation. In January 2009, the Institute was officially designated as the Central University of Tibetan Studies. During Hunt’s stay at the Institute he studied classical Tibetan, worked on Buddhist political thought, and delivered a lecture to the faculty and students of the institute.

**Louise Jezierski** and **Jonas Zoninsein** presented papers in Salvador, Brazil in July 2009 at a conference sponsored by the Federal University of Bahia.

Ramazan Kilinc presented “Is Brazil prepared for multipolarity?”

Benjamin Kleinerman’s *The Discretionary President: The Promise and Peril of Executive Power* will be released in September 2009 by the University of Kansas Press. In the book, Kleinerman questions what role discretionary executive power should play in a constitutional order, examining its ability to either save or destroy the Constitution. George W. Bush’s use of the war on terror to justify the creation of a unitary executive, acting outside and even against the law, provides the catalyst for the study, which traces the dilemma from Hobbes through Lincoln. The book delineates the tough distinctions that citizens need to make between the necessary exercise of extraordinary powers and the dangerous aggrandizement of unnecessary power.


**Linda Racioppi** and **Katie See** co-edited *Gender Politics in Post-Communist Eurasia*, published by the MSU Press. Reflecting on
two decades of experience, the book offers new and important insights into contemporary global gender politics by leading scholars from Central Asia, Europe, and the United States — into the contemporary dynamics of gender politics in a critical area of the world.

**Katie See Receives Honors College Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honors Students**

This award is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has made exceptional contributions to Honors College students through teaching, advising, or mentoring. Such contributions might include designing or teaching Honors classes or sections, offering Honors Options, providing Honors advising, mentoring of Professorial Assistants, or other exceptional efforts. The recipient receives an honorarium of $1,000.

**New publications**

Susan Stein-Roggenbuck’s book *Negotiating Relief: The Development of Social Welfare Programs in Depression-Era Michigan, 1930-1940* was published in August 2008 by The Ohio State University Press. She is also among the first group of 15 fellows in a new MSU initiative, the Walter and Pauline Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation, providing a cross-disciplinary cohort of instructors with opportunities to further their development as excellent teachers whose instructional decisions are rooted in the robust research literature on effective teaching and learning.

Lynn Scott delivered a paper in March 2009 on James Baldwin’s civil rights essays at Suffolk University. In September 2009, her article “Challenging the American Conscience, Reimagining American Identity: James Baldwin and the Civil Rights Movement” will appear in *A Historical Guide to James Baldwin* edited by Douglas Field and published by Oxford University Press. She will also chair a session on James Baldwin at the American Studies Association in November 2009.

Waltzer also had the opportunity to deliver a paper, "No Angel at the Fence," with a translator, at the First International Forum on "Schlieben: A Forgotten Concentration Camp," in Schlieben, Germany in April 2009. He plans to chair two panels at the Association of Jewish Studies meeting in Los Angeles, California in December 2009, one panel on "Writing Holocaust History with Holocaust Testimonies and Memoirs," in which he will present a paper on "Schlieben: A Forgotten Buchenwald Aussenlager," the other panel on "Contemporary Anti-Semitism: Inversions in the Radical Critique of Israel," in which he will serve as respondent. Waltzer continues working on his book on the rescue of children and youths at Buchenwald and is talking with literary agents and trade publishers. He was also a special guest at a summer ceremony marking entrance of the late Fyodor Michalitschenko into the list of Righteous among the Nations at Yad Vashem. In his research at the Red Cross International Tracing Service archive in June 2008 in Bad Arolsen, Germany, Waltzer discovered that Fyodor was Rabbi Israel Lau's protector in block 8, the children’s block, at Buchenwald. Lau had been looking for Fyodor from Rostow for 60 years but could not find him. With the opening of the records, Waltzer was able to discover his protector and informed Lau. Israel Lau is now chair of the Yad Vashem Council, which is honoring the late Fyodor. **Richard Zinman** published "Thinking about the Founding" in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, vol. 36, issue 2 (Winter 2009). Zinman’s article is a review of two books by Alan Gibson, *Interpreting the Founding* and *Understanding the Founding*. Zinman also published (with Steven Kautz - JMCD ’81, Arthur Melzer, and Jerry Weinberger) *The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism*, a collection of essays based on papers delivered in a lecture series and at a conference organized by the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy in MSU’s Department of Political Science. The collection is the eighth volume in the series published by the symposium. In addition to writing, Zinman also participated in three conferences: "On Leo Strauss's *Thoughts on Machiavelli*" in Claremont, CA in December 2008, "James Madison and the Extended Republic" in Indianapolis in April 2009, and "Journalism and Liberty" in Essex, CT in May 2009.